



Lynwood Latino Coalition



Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair
California Air Resources Board
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Re: AB 32 Draft Scoping Plan and Appendices

Dear Ms. Nichols:

We have reviewed your draft documents and appendices and we congratulate your efforts thus far, but we are a bit concerned that we didn't find any information on the costs associated with implementing this plan, as well as any language that provides our communities with a safeguard to prevent our utility providers from increasing our already high rates because they are mandated to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions or purchase credits to reach the goals of AB32. Throughout the document and appendices it is noted that the costs associated to implement this policy won't be known until the policies are implemented or the technologies are in use. We believe that is too late and that it's imperative that before this process moves forward and you look towards implementing your strategies, that there is a clear description provided to us that outlines the exact costs that will impact our communities.

It's astonishing that this type of cost analysis or safeguard language was not included in the draft language considering the current economic state of California and all that our families are dealing with in their everyday lives. We are experiencing some of the toughest times we've seen in years. Families are loosing their homes, there is no universal health care system, unemployment rates are through the roof, our cost of living goes up everyday and everyday we are confronted with the tough decisions caused by this struggling economy. We understand that we must pay a price to help heal our environment and we don't argue that need, but we also need to know what that cost will be.

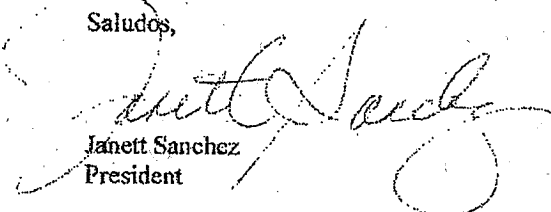
We will always support the goals and mission of AB 32 and believe that we need this type of policy to ensure our environmental sustainability and ensure that we have a clean environment for future generations. Unfortunately, without a clear understanding of the costs related to all of the great strategies and direction provided in the draft plan and appendices, we can not support this plan as it stands.

I respectfully request that before you implement this plan, that you consider releasing another set of appendices that provides us a realistic view as to the costs associated to ensure our environmental sustainability.

Please keep our families and children in mind when making your final decision.

Thank you for your time.

Saludos,


Janett Sanchez
President

